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SUBJ: MADAME BOURGUIBA "REAPPEARS" IN TUNISIAN MEDIA

1. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE SHE LEFT TUNIS FIVE MONTHS
AGO FOR EXTENDED "MEDICAL ATTENTION" IN PARIS, THE
ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE WASSILA BOURGUIBA
HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED IN TUNISIAN PRESS. THE
OCCASION FOR THIS "REAPPEARANCE" WAS HER VISIT TO
PARIS OFFICES OF PLO AUGUST 5 TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES
OVER THE MURDER OF PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN PARIS,
EZZEDINE KALAH ON AUGUST 3.

2. ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTS REPORTED IN ALL TUNISIAN
MEDIA, MME. BOURGUIBA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TUNISIAN
AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, HEDI MABROUK. PRESIDENT
BOURGUIBA, WHO IS ALSO IN PARIS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT,
WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SENT HIS PERSONAL CONDOLENCES THE
DAY BEFORE.

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3. WASSILA HAS LONG BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE
PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND THE PLO. THAT SHE SHOULD MAKE A
COURTESY CONDOLENCE VISIT TO THE PLO OFFICES IN PARIS
IS NOT SURPRISING. WHAT IS NOTEWORTHY IS THAT THE
TUNISIAN MEDIA SHOULD GIVE HER VISIT SUCH PROMINENCE
AFTER SHE HAS BEEN SO LONG ABSENT FROM THE FRONT PAGE.
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